GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7322
ANSWERED ON:12.05.2000
SMUGGLING OF WATCHES
SHANKAR PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian market has been flooded with the smuggled watches;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to check the smuggling of watches into the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a): Though smuggling is a clandestine activity and it is difficult to indicate extent of smuggling of watches, the reports/intelligence available do not support the contention that Indian market has been flooded with the smuggled watches.

(b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c): All the field units of the Customs Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are ever vigilant and on alert to detect & prevent smuggling of contraband goods including watches.